

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

BACILIO RUIZ TORRES and JOSE
AMADOR, as individuals and on behalf of
all other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERCER CANYONS, INC.,

Defendant.

1:14-cv-03032-SAB

**ORDER STRIKING TRIAL
DATES, DENYING PRETRIAL
MOTIONS, AND DENYING
MOTION TO EXPEDITE**

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, ECF No. 252, with a related motion to expedite, ECF No. 258; Plaintiff's Motion to Award Attorneys' Fees, ECF No. 254; and a Stipulated Motion to Exclude *Perez* Plaintiffs, ECF No. 257.

The Court is pleased the parties have reached a preliminary settlement, and will fully consider the terms of the settlement as directed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). Accordingly, the Court **strikes** the trial date and pretrial deadlines and **denies** the opposed pretrial motions as moot. However, the Court is unable to properly consider a settlement of this magnitude in under one week as Plaintiffs desire. The Court therefore **denies** the motion to expedite.

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Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The current trial date of April 17, 2017 and all associated pretrial deadlines are **STRUCK**.

1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine to Bar Evidence of Immigration Status, ECF No. 205, is **DENIED AS MOOT**.

2. Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment—Joint Employment of M&L Class Members, ECF No. 224, is **DENIED AS MOOT**.

3. Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Re: Inaccurate Information Claims, ECF No. 227, is **DENIED AS MOOT**.

4. Plaintiff's Motion to Expedite Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, ECF No. 258, is **DENIED**. The Court will nonetheless rule on the settlement as expeditiously as possible.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stanley A. Bastian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Stanley A. Bastian
United States District Judge